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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are proud to recognize those who distinguish themselves in society and strive to protect the rights of those around them; and

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WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela spent over 50 years of his life fighting to improve the lives of his countrymen, end the apartheid regime in South Africa, and advance the causes of democracy and human rights; and

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WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison in 1964 as a political prisoner; and

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WHEREAS, Despite his imprisonment, Nelson Mandela continued to meet with political leaders and work towards the improvement of life for all South Africans; and

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WHEREAS, Upon his release from prison in 1990 Nelson Mandela worked to reduce violence in South Africa and negotiate a peaceful resolution to racial conflicts and the formation of a new government including democratic elections; and

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WHEREAS, In 1993 Nelson Mandela was presented the Liberty Medal by President of the United States William Clinton; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 1993 Nelson Mandela joined Frederik Willem de
2 Klerk in receiving the Nobel Peace Prize "for their work for
3 the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime, and for
4 laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa"; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 27, 1994 Nelson Mandela voted for the
6 first time in his life in South Africa's democratic elections;
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8 WHEREAS, On May 10, 1994 Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as
9 South Africa's first democratically elected president; and

10 WHEREAS, After his inauguration, Nelson Mandela worked to
11 unite the South African nation and formed the Truth and
12 Reconciliation Commission to investigate crimes committed by
13 both sides during apartheid; and

14 WHEREAS, Under Nelson Mandela's administration health
15 care, education, electricity, and water access were extended to
16 millions of South Africans that previously lacked access to
17 these services; and

18 WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela worked to promote peaceful
19 resolutions to international disputes; and

20 WHEREAS, After retiring from political office in 1999

1 Nelson Mandela continued his philanthropic works with the
2 Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, Nelson Mandela Foundation, and
3 the Mandela Rhodes Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela passed away on December 5, 2013 at
5 the age of 95; and

6 WHEREAS, It is fitting we honor the life and legacy of
7 Nelson Mandela by naming the portion of Cicero Avenue beginning
8 at West Roosevelt Road in Chicago, Illinois and ending at West
9 Grand Avenue in Chicago, Illinois in his honor; therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of
14 Cicero Avenue beginning at West Roosevelt Road in Chicago,
15 Illinois and ending at West Grand Avenue in Chicago, Illinois
16 as "Mandela Road"; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
18 is requested to erect at the intersections of Cicero Avenue
19 with West Roosevelt Road, West Lexington Street, West Harrison
20 Street, West Jackson Boulevard, West Madison Street, West
21 Washington Boulevard, West Maypole Avenue, West Lake Street,
22 West Ferdinand Street, West Ohio Street, Chicago Avenue, West

1 Augusta Boulevard, West Division Street, West Hirsch Street,
2 West North Avenue, and West Grand Avenue, consistent with State
3 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving
4 notice of the name of Mandela Road on or before July 18, 2015;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to the Secretary of the United States Department of
8 Transportation, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
9 Transportation, and the family of Nelson Mandela.